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Public to Comment on Latino Veterans Memorial Design

SACRAMENTO – The California Mexican American Veterans Memorial Committee invites Californians to view and comment on the preliminary design concepts for a memorial honoring Latino veterans that will be erected in the historic State Capitol Park in Sacramento.

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the preliminary design concepts for a period of three weeks, beginning on 14 October and concluding on 4 November. Following three weeks of public comment, a memorial design will be selected by the California Mexican American Veterans' Memorial Committee. The design concepts can be viewed on the Memorial's webpage – www.mavm.ca.gov and clicking Memorial Beautification Project.

"A memorial honoring Latino veterans is historically long overdue, and I am pleased that Californians will play a key role in its design," said California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) Secretary Roger Brautigan. The memorial is targeted to be rededicated in 2011.

"Honoring the memory and historical contribution of Latino men and women who have served in our Armed Forces, and Latino Medal of Honor Recipient's is important to California and our nation," said Robert Ruiz, Memorial Chairman.

Only private donations can be used to support the Memorial. Donations are tax deductible, and can be made online while viewing the design concepts, or mailed to: California Mexican American Veterans' Memorial, c/o CalVet, 1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Supporters wishing to donate through a Not-For-Profit 501(c)(3), can donate via www.vetfund1.com, or mail to: VetFund Foundation, Attention: Mexican American Memorial, 2001 N Street, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95814

The Memorial Committee was created by SB 599 (Chapter 558 of 2007). The committee is made up of five appointees by the Governor and one appointee of the State Senate President Pro Tempore and one appointee of the Speaker of the State Assembly. The Committee is authorized to establish a schedule for the design, construction and dedication of the enhanced memorial; to solicit and select designs that may be used to beautify the existing memorial; and to solicit and receive contributions that will be used to off-set the costs of enhancing and beautifying the project.

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